GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a.) The details of conservation work executed in various sub-circles of Chennai Circle during the last three years;
(b.) the details of funds allocated and spent for protecting the same during the said period, year-wise;
(c.) the steps taken by the Government to conserve and restore the ancient heritage buildings of Historical importance in Tamil Nadu;
(d.) whether the Union Governmenthave received any request from the Government of Tamil Nadu and also from the Chennai Corporation with regard to the conservation of some of the popular ancient buildings and forts; and
(e.) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): The detail of the conservation works executed by various sub-circles of the Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai Circle, the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in the last three years are as follows :

Year	No. of Monuments	Allotment	Expenditure
1998-99	52	Rs.53.90 lakhs	Rs.63,71,646/-
1999-2000	52	Rs.69,82,000/-	Rs.65,83,661
2000-2001	52	Rs.65,00,000/-	Rs.76,04,948/-

(c) : The conservation of centrally protected monuments is an on going process.

(d) & (e): The Archaeological Surveyof India had received a request a few years back from the Chennai Municipal Commissioner for undertaking repairs of the office building of the Corporation (also called Ripon building) a s a deposit work. The Archaeological Survey of India had conveyed its inability to undertake the work in view of its own commitments.